

THE TIMES NEWSPAPERS

BY THE LAKE COUNTY PRINTING & PUBLISHING COMPANY.

The Lake County Times—Daily except Saturday and Sunday. Entered at the postoffice in Hammond, June 28, 1916.

The Times—East Chicago-Indiana Harbor, daily except Sunday. Entered at the postoffice in East Chicago, November 18, 1913.

The Lake County Times—Saturday and Weekly Edition. Entered at the postoffice in Hammond, February 1, 1916.

The Gary Evening Times—Daily except Sunday. Entered at the postoffice in Gary, April 17, 1912.

All under the act of March 3, 1879, as second-class matter.

FOREIGN ADVERTISING REPRESENTATION
G. LOGAN PAYNE & CO., CHICAGO

Gary Office: Telephone 131
Nassau & Thompson, East Chicago: Telephone 281
East Chicago (The Times): Telephone 281
Indiana Harbor (Reporter and Class Adv): Telephone 223
Indiana Harbor (News Dealer): Telephone 1133-J
Whiting: Telephone 30-M
Crown Point: Telephone 43

If you have any trouble getting The Times make complaint immediately to the Circulation Department.
Hammond (private exchange): 2100, 3101, 5102
(Call for whatever department wanted.)

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

If you fail to receive your copy of The Times as promptly as you have in the past, please do not think it has been lost or was not sent on time. Remember that the mail service is not what it used to be and that complaints are kept from many sources about the train and mail service. The Times has increased its mailing equipment and is striving earnestly to reach its patrons on time. Be prompt in advising us when you do not get your paper and we will act promptly.

CHECKING CRIME WAVE.

Any person who knows anything of the life and character of John Burroughs, the American naturalist, will be prepared to agree with the statement that he is well qualified to analyze the present situation in the United States, which is described as "a carnival of crime."

Mr. Burroughs, in an interview a few days ago, said that the present wave of crime was the logical result of the spirit of bolshevism that has become so prevalent since the world war—the disregard for the restraints of the law, enacted for the protection of life. Human life has come to be a cheap thing. Murders are committed on almost any pretext or without any reason at all, as far as public knowledge is concerned. Thefts, from the daylight robbing of a bank to petty stealing from homes, have greatly multiplied in recent months.

Mr. Burroughs says that this wave of crime must be stopped, but he is not specific in what he thinks is necessary to stop it. Almost any person who thinks on the subject knows the only way it can be stopped—by tightening the grip of the law on its violators, according to the seriousness of the crimes they commit, and impressing the criminal with the virtue of being law-abiding.

It does not alter the seriousness of conditions in this country to be informed that many of the violators—perhaps a majority of them—are aliens. These men are in the United States and they have been infected by the virus of contempt for the laws of the nation which gives them shelter. Whatever native-born persons are engaged in criminal acts are of the same low type of citizens and unworthy of enjoying the liberty and opportunity offered by this nation.

GETTING BACK TO THE FARMS.

No figures are available to show what movement, if any, is under way on the part of persons in the towns to get back to the rural homes which they abandoned to earn big wages in industrial plants during and since

the war. It was hoped that one good effect from the slowing down of industry would be the creation of more interest in farming.

Under the stimulus of war conditions the farmers of the United States planted record crops, and since the war the decrease in acreage has not been more than 15 per cent. With the sharp drop in prices and the drift of so many farmers toward the cities, it must be plain that a crisis in agriculture will be created within a short time.

Reports from Kansas are that wheat growers have sowed slightly more than 10 per cent less acreage in wheat than the preceding year, but the sharp decline in the quotations for wheat will probably have the effect of causing more marked reductions next year, unless prices are advanced.

Farmers will yield to the lure of wages and the advantages of the cities unless farming is reasonably profitable. The idea of a paternalistic government may not be a pleasant one, but congress should do what it can to aid in financing present and prospective farmers, just as it aids through the banking system, the manufacturers and the business men.

SAVING AND INDEPENDENCE.

Statistics printed in an insurance advertisement the other day did not speak very well for American thrift. They showed, for instance, that, of every 100 men starting life with a fair chance, 15 are dependent at the age of 45, 23 at the age of 55, and no fewer than 45 at 65. At the last named age 44 of the original 100 are dead, so that only 10 have amassed competencies or are able to earn enough to support themselves. There is a lesson here for every young man. The habit of thrift is easily formed in youth and its practice, rather than involving hardship, becomes an interest in which one takes actual pleasure, but one must be systematic about it to accomplish anything in the long run. Saving a stated sum or more every pay day, or when real emergencies prevent that, making up for the unavoidable extra expenditures later—that is the way to make oneself independent. Present conditions make sensible saving unusually profitable. Every cheap dollar saved now will be worth from \$1.50 to \$2 in buying power five or ten years hence. But the habit is the main thing.

THE AFTERMATH.

The ancient Egyptians who compelled their slaves to "make bricks without straw" imposed a small task compared with that which the democratic party will turn over to the republicans next March. Through its process of inflation which piled up debts with 40 cent dollars, the democratic party laid out the task. Now by its forced deflation it has caused enormous shrinkages in values and corresponding losses which will be deducted from income when taxpaying time comes, and the republican administration, then in power, will have no resources from which to raise the funds to pay the debts. The 40 cent dollar debts must be paid with 100 cent dollars. The democratic leaders may think they have played a slick trick on the republicans, but they will find that when the people of the country, who must bear the burden, fully realize what has been done, they will resent the manipulation—and their memories will not be short, either.

IT USUALLY grieves a man to discover that he is too corpulent to do much except boast about how athletic he used to be.

The-Passing-Show

WHO remembers the time

WHEN people ate eggs because

THEY were cheaper than meat?

PLAINTIFF in impending divorce

AT our house is ready to

TESTIFY that if we think we can

cut the

HOUSEHOLD expenses in two

WE can go right ahead and

DO the darned buying ourself.

WE often think we have a nerve-

wracking life of it

OURSELF in this noble profession

BUT how a broker with a lot of fe-

male marginal

BUYERS on his books retains his

mental balance

THESE days is beyond our compre-

hension

IF indeed he does.

WE don't know much but we

DO know that if we lived in North

Dakota

WE would be strong for bankers

DOING the banking

AND the farmers doing the farming.

IF a young father ever manages

TO get the baby to sleep

WITHOUT choking, paragonizing or

chloroforming it

HE acts as if it is too bad

HIS wife hasn't as much sense as he

has.

THE federal prohibition agent of

NEW YORK has ruled that alcoholic

STIMULANTS may be used in mince

pie

BUT what worries us now is

HOW strong the Episcopalian influ-

ence

IS in Indiana.

DO you know that there are

PERSONS who will buy a purse

AND have it charged?

LOVE is what makes a girl sit

AND hold a man's hand for hours

AND listen to what he says

JUST as if he was really saying

something.

ONE of the feminine mysteries

WHICH we have given up all hope

of solving

AFTER a period of observation and

INQUIRY covering 10 years or more

IS why a woman will spend from

two to five

MINUTES trying to find out from the

OUTSIDE of a letter addressed to

her who wrote it when

SHE has it right there in her hand

AND might as well open it and make

sure.

TOO much talk is probably

AT the bottom of about everything

THAT really creates trouble.

WHEN a man has no desire to work

HE feels impelled to work the pub-

lic.

HOME is a place where a

MAN goes to exhibit his temper

WHEN things break wrong for him

AT his daily labor.

IF the ruffled pants idea is develop-

ed further and

THE gentlemen's fashion authorities

conclude to give us

THE shirred hip effect we suppose

the number of dry agents

WILL have to be tripled as it cer-

tainly would be pretty

CONVENIENT to slip a half-pint

flask under

THE shins and then carefully

READJUST one's draperies.

HOW MUCH
DO YOU KNOW?

- 1—What river only 220 miles long is thought to have as large traffic as any river in the world?
- 2—In what battle were modern arms first used?
- 3—What is a "Wall Street bank"?
- 4—How much paper money is in circulation now?
- 5—When was the first cable laid?
- 6—What were the "Blue Laws"?
- 7—Who was the founder of the democratic party?
- 8—What is a pontoon bridge?
- 9—Who were the "Lullians"?
- 10—Will an octopus attack human beings?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUESTIONS

- 1—Who owns the stock of the Federal Reserve bank? Answer: It is owned by banks and trust companies which are members of the Federal Reserve system.
- 2—Why are women's voices higher than men's? Answer: Because women have shorter vocal chords than men.
- 3—What two other Americans besides Woodrow Wilson received the Nobel

FOR TOYS AND
HOUSEFURNISHINGS
stop and shop at Cohen's Variety
Store, opp. Postoffice, Hammond

Peace Prize? Answer: In 1906 it went to Theodore Roosevelt and in 1912 Elihu Root received the distinction.

4—How long did the war with Spain last? Answer: The war lasted from April 20, 1898, to April 11, 1899.

5—What tribe of Indians claim to have come up out of the earth? Answer: The Creek Indians advanced this claim.

6—How old was Alexander the Great when he ascended the throne? Answer: He was less than 20 years old. He died at the age of 32 years.

7—Who was called the Indian apostle? Answer: John Eliot was known as the

Indian apostle. He converted several thousand Algonquins to the Christian faith.

8—Who served in an army against his countrymen for eleven years and then became president of the country? Answer: Santa Anna served in the Spanish army against Mexico for eleven years and then was chosen president of the country.

9—What is geology? Answer: It is a science which deals with the history of the earth.

10—What nationality was Robert Burns, the poet? Answer: He was Scotch.

Free to Everyone
for a limited time only

Clip out this coupon and bring it with any clear small picture, photo, post card or snapshot, to

and it will entitle you to one free VIRMOR PORTRAIT FREE, size 14x17 inches. A beautiful oval plaque. You do not have to buy a frame for it or pay one penny. Your small picture will be returned unharmed. See the artist's work at the store. No mail orders.

THE EDW. C. MINAS CO.

Prosperity Coffee
"WITH THE NEW WINE FLAVOR"

Free 10 Free 10



S. & H. Stamps

IN EVERY ONE-POUND BAG

Get a pound today and compare this high-grade coffee with the kind you have been buying.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

SAY IT WITH AN ELECTRICAL GIFT

Surprise HER Christmas morning with an OHIO Vacuum Cleaner. What gift could be as greatly appreciated as a beautiful machine that will take all the dudgey out of sweeping and cleaning for the rest of her life—conserve her health and beauty and give so many extra hours of leisure. But—be sure and get an OHIO TUEC that has the powerful suction that takes out all the dirt, and a revolving brush that picks up all the threads, hair and lint. The OHIO is strong, light, durable and efficient, as well as beautiful. Reasonably priced. Easy terms.



OHIO-TUEC
not only sweeps but cleans

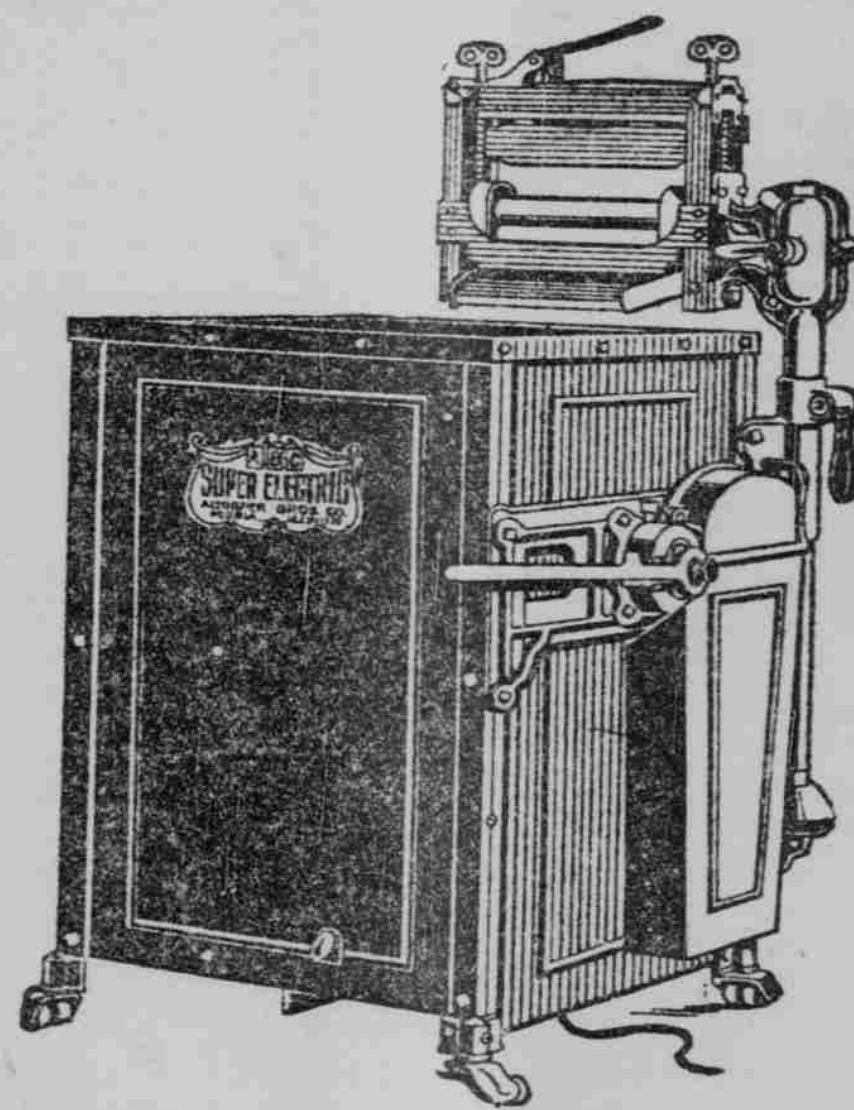
Suggestions for
Electrical Xmas
Gifts

- Curling Irons
- Laundry Irons
- Immersion Heaters
- Toasters
- Disc Stoves
- Hed-Lite Heaters
- Grills
- Heating Pads
- Xmas Tree Lights
- Violet Ray Machines
- Sewing Machine Motors
- Vibrators
- Percolators
- Percolator Sets
- Table Lamps
- Floor Lamps
- Chafing Dishes
- Simplex Ironing Machines

A B C

Electric Laundress

Buy HER an A-B-C Super-Electric Washing Machine and relieve her of the hardest work a woman has to do. Think what it means to receive a gift that banishes the hardest work for all time. Consider the satisfaction that will come from knowing that the laundry is perfectly clean and sanitary. To avoid disappointment, get the best—the A-B-C—a beautiful full cabinet machine with swinging wringer, large motor, full power, noiseless, no vibration—the guaranteed washer. Reasonably priced. Sold on easy terms.



Simple, Noiseless, Durable, Saves Clothes, Money. Buy your Electrical Goods from

THE ELECTRIC SHOP

THE ELECTRIC SHOP
643 Hohman Street Hammond, Ind. Phone 678